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SUBJECT: CYPRUS IN 30TH UNGA - ALLOCATION OF CYPRUS ITEM
TO PLENARY

1. EARLY SEPTEMBER 22, UNGA APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION A MOTION BY UK PERM REP IVOR RICHARD TO ALLOCATE CYPRUS ITEM TO PLENARY SUBJECT TO TWO CONDITIONS: FIRST, UNGA PRESIDENT THORN SHOULD CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS (I.E. WHERE AND IN WHAT CAPACITY CYPRIOT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE HEARD.) IN THIS CONNECTION, AMBASSADOR RICHARD DESCRIBED AS "PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE" LAST YEAR'S ARRANGEMENTS, UNDER WHICH THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE HEARD REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COMMUNITIES. SECOND CONDITION WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DEBATE ON CYPRUS ITEM IN PLENARY UNTIL THE PARTIES REACH AGREEMENT ON THE QUESTION OF PROCEDURES.

2. IN BRIEF DEBATE WHICH PRECEDED UK MOTION, CYPRUS PERMREP ROSSIDES SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO LAST YEAR'S

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PROCEDURE, BUT SINCE THAT TIME TURKEY HAD TAKEN A NUMBER

OF UNILATERAL ACTIONS WHICH HAD TO BE KEPT UNDER CONSIDERATION. ONE OF THESE, THE DECLARATION CONCERNING THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS, WAS DISAPPROVED (SIC) BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 367 OF MARCH 1975 AND CONDEMNED BY THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA. CYPRUS HAD NO OBJECTION TO TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY EXPRESSING ITS VIEWS PROVIDED ITS SPOKESMAN SPOKE AS SUCH AND NOT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A FEDERATED STATE. ROSSIDES ALSO TRIED TO INTRODUCE MOTION SPECIFYING THAT "THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WILL SPEAK AS SUCH" AND THAT "IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT IN CYPRUS THERE IS ONLY ONE STATE, AS RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS" BUT LATTER MOTION WAS OVERTAKEN BY UK PROPOSAL DESCRIBED IN PARA 1.

3. TURKISH PERMREP SAID HE WAS READY TO SUPPORT REPETITION OF LAST YEAR'S PROCEDURE BUT THAT HE COULD NOT AGREE TO UK PROPOSAL WITHOUT HAVING ASSURANCES REGARDING THE RIGHT OF THE COMMUNITIES TO SPEAK. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, FORMALLY OBJECT TO UK MOTION.
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